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OFFICERS:

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D. W. DICKINSON....Corresponding Secretary, Winfield

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Presentation of Letters from the Churches.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite Visiting Ministers to Seats.
6. Receive Correspondence.
7. Returned Correspondence.
8. Appointment of Special Committees.
   (1). On Devotion. (2). On Documents. (3), On Nominations. (4). On Finance.
9. Call for Report of Standing Committees.
   (1). Sunday Schools. (2), Temperance. (3). State Missions. (4). Home Missions. (5). Foreign Missions. (6), Education. (7), Religious Literature. (8). Prayer and Prayer Meetings. (9). Indigent Ministers.
10. Report of Treasurer.
11. Appoint Treasurer.
12. Call for Report of Special Committees.
    (1), Documents. (2), Nominations. (3), Finance.
13. Appoint Standing Committees.
14. Miscellaneous Business.
15. Roll Call and Adjournment.

NOTE—The clerks will please be more particular in making out their Statistical Table. It is impossible to make an accurate exhibit from letters received. (See Section 4 of Constitution.)

R. W. CLARK, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS.

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The Eighth Annual Session of the Harmony Grove Association met with Eldridge Church, Walker county, Ala., on Saturday, October 14, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the former moderator, Elder Q. D. Haney.

Scriptural lessons Isaiah 11-1 to 17 and Phil. 2-1 to 22. Hymn, "How firm a foundation," etc. Prayer by the moderator. Song: "Did Christ o'er sinners weep."

PRESENTATION OF LETTERS.

Bethel—W. M. Wofford, J. K. Stricklin and J. P. Grimes.

Blanchard—G. M. Knight, M. M. Ballard and J. W. Clark.

Eldridge—B. F. Roden, C. C. Kelley, W. T. Colburn, G. W. Castleberry, H. D. McLain, E. D. Kelley and Elders Q. D. Haney and J. W. Rogers.

Guin—W. T. Candle, J. A. Warren, I. W. Akins, S. J. Baird, W. J. Shaw, Robert Cutts and Elder I. Estill.

Harmony Grove—Archibald Perry, M. C. Bowen, J. T. Weeks and J. L. Harbin.

Hopewell—W. H. Mills, G. D. Letson and W. F. Tucker.

Hamilton—G. T. Howerton, J. H. Johnson, C. L. Woods and Elder R. W. Clark.

New River—A. W. Killingsworth, J. D. Sherer, Stephen Woodard and H. R. Sides.

New Hope—A. H. Franks, G. W. Gann, A. Y. Aston and W. G. Ashcraft.

Oak Grove—W. A. Taylor, J. S. Roberts, and R. M. Weeks.

Pleasant Grove—J. H. Dobbins, W. C. C. Brown and Elder A. B. Batson.

Siloam—J. W. Couch, R. Z. Erwin and M. V. Owings.

Crews—J. T. Hill, T. F. Hill and Tidius Crew.

Sulligent—W. B. Mattison, J. Y. Ling and S. H. Vincent.

Union—J. W. R. Jones, J. D. Arnold, J. N. Hollingsworth and G. L. Wade.

Winfield—J. M. Spann, W. J. Trull, J. D. Canterberry, J. F. Shirey, W. A. Blakeney and T. V. Hill.

Spring Hill—J. V. Lanson, G. T. Lanson, J. A. Kelley and John Coleman.

Concord—K. R. Milligan, J. J. Stephens, A. L. Cody and Jack Frederick.

The moderator appointed R. W. Clark and D. W. Dickinson reading clerks.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Association was permanently organized by electing J. W. Rogers moderator, and R. W. Clark clerk.

Tellers—N. H. Harbin and Prof. G. W. Boucher.

Called for petitionary letters. None.

Invited visiting ministers to seats with us.

RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE.

Elders J. I. McCollum, N. H. Harbin and G. W. Gammond were received as corresponding messengers from the North River Association.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

North River Association—I. Estill, D. W. Dickinson and L. C. Kelley.

New River—Q. D. Haney, D. W. Dickinson and J. W. Harbin.

Yellow Creek—Q. D. Haney, M. N. Danells and I. Estill.

Clear Creek—Q. D. Haney, B. F. Roden and W. S. Roden.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

On Devotion—J. M. Spann, C. C. Brown, J. S. Roberts and the deacons of Eldridge church.

On Documents—I. Estill, Q. D. Haney and D. W. Dickinson.

On Nominations—A. W. Killingsworth, W. T. Caudle and J. L. Harbin.

On Finance—J. D. Sherer, G. W. Gann and G. W. Castleberry.

Called for repoot on Sunday Schools. There being no standing committee, the moderator appointed M. V. Owings, W. T. Caudle and A. H. Franks, committee.

Called for report on temperance. The chairman being absent, A. H. Franks, Wiley Taylor and J. M. Madison were appointed committeemen.

W. T. Caudle, I. W. Akins and W. T. Colburn were appointed committee on State Missions.

I. Estill, Rich Sides and E. S. Tucker were appointed as a committee on Home Missions.

After prayer by I. Estill the association adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by the moderator.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Called for report on Foreign Missions, which was read by the chairman and discussed by J. W. Rogers, Q. D. Haney, James McCollum, A. N. Reeves and M. N. Danells. The report was then adopted as follows:

"Jesus is the light of the world. In Him all the families of the earth are to be blessed. Then indeed there is but one mission. "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, etc."—Matthew 28-19. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark 16-15. "Ye are the light of the world."—Matthew 5-14. "As Thou has sent Me into the world, even so I also sent them into the world."—John 17-18. "Wherefore, as by one man sin hath entered into the world, and death by sin; and, so death passed upon all men, for that all men hath sinned."—Romans 5-12. Then indeed, the world is the mission field, and every rational human being is a subject of gospel addresses.

Dear Brethren—Think of the countless millions of the human family that are going down into Christless graves without God and without hope in the world. May the God of missions arouse us to the full measure of our duty in giving the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to a perishing world.

J. W. ROGERS, Chairman.

Dispensed with the regular business and received A. L. Reeves as corresponding messenger from New River Association.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Called for the report on Education. Read and ably discussed by Prof. G. W. Boucher. The report was then adopted as follows:

"We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report: We realize that man and all nature which surrounds

him and the influence which modify the conditions of his being exists, and for the glory of God. In the complex nature of his being there are palpably inherit two essential attributes, the mind and the heart, and the liberal conception of modern education is that both should be cultivated and trained. In the nature of man and the environments in which he is placed there exists certain relations that especially influence his intellectual capacities and his affections, and he is best educated who has the most definite and extensive knowledge of these relations and the ability to apply them for good; or in other words a true education consists of a knowledge of these relations and the ability to apply them to the own good of oneself for the greatest benefit to the greatest number of fellow beings and for the glory of God. And while we realize the flattering studies that have been made in this direction, and note with gladness the increasing interest in this life, and cheerfully and heartily recommend the excellent work that has already been accomplished. Yet we feel as we stand in the dying twilight of this century watching for the glorious dawn of the new, with its newer possibilities, that we should not lose sight of the true education, and that to attain the best results. We heartily indorse the improvements, and cheerfully and enthusiastically make known to your honorable body that it is to emphasize the best methods of intellectual customs, and we deem those methods best which can most successfully educate and train both the head and heart. We believe it to be the imperative duty of both parents and guardians to be keenly alive to the best interest of those young people who are committed to their care. They should earnestly investigate institutions of learning and place their children in such institutions whose ideas of education and methods of training accord most nearly to the foregoing principles. As such an institution we heartily indorse the West Alabama Male and Female College, located at Eldridge, as worthy of Baptist patronage. We must educate, we must educate, says the essayist, or we must perish by our own posterity. Let us not forget the mind development and heart training, the result of which is true soul culture and preparation for good. Respectfully submitted by

D. W. DICKINSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

Call for report on Orphan's Home, which was read by the chairman and discussed by Q. D. Haney, M. N. Danells, A. N. Reeves D. W. Dickinson and I. J. Rogers. The report was then adopted as follows:

"We, your committee on the Orphan's Home, beg permission to submit the following report:

"The home has at present 21 boys and 43 girls. Total 64, one having been summoned to the home above.

The daily expenses are $10. This being the Baptist Home of Alabama, we should feel an interest in it and donate to the cause and help Bro. Steward maintain and keep the good work in progress. Donations do not meet the requirements of the home. Therefore, brethren, we should lend a helping hand." Q. D. HANEY, Chairman.

Then a collection was taken for same, which amounted to $6.01.

REPORT OF DISTRICT MEETING.

Called for report of District meeting. The report was read and adopted as follows:

The ninth session of the Second District will be held with the Baptist Church at Winfield, Ala., commencing on Friday before the 2d Sunday in August 1900. Introductory sermon by D. W. Dickinson, W. T. Caudle alternate.

QUERIES.

1. When shall the meek inherit the earth?—J. W. Rogers.

2. In what respect are Christians a peculiar people?—W. J. Trull.

3. The scriptural authority for calling a pastor and the duty of the members in supporting said pastor?—G. T. Howerton.

4. What would the amount of money which the white Baptists of Alabama spend for tobacco do for the churches?—James T. Johnson.

5. The Christian's duty towards his body, which is the temple of the Holy Ghost?—M. L. Danells.

6. Should the churches use the fermented wine in the Lord's Supper?—R. W. Clark.

I. ESTILL, Moderator.

J. A. NORTHCUTT, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

	Dr.		Cr.
Rec'd of F. C. for Minutes	$17 05	For Printing Minutes	$16 75
Rec'd for State Missions	9 95	Paid Q. D. Haney	9 95
Rec'd for Orphan's Home	2 10	Paid Orphan's Home	2 10
Rec'd for Associational Purposes	8 80	Paid Clerk	8 80
Rec'd Foreign Missions	1 00	Paid Foreign Missions	1 00
		Paid Stationery, etc	30
Total	$38 90		$38 90

J. W. ROGERS, Treasurer.

R. W. Clark was appointed treasurer.

The committee on devotion reported as follows: Sunday School Mass Meeting, Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m., conducted by Elder D. W. Dickinson. Adopted.

After prayer by I. J. Rogers, adjourned until 7 p. m.

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NIGHT SESSION.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. W. Clark to a large and attentive audience. Text II Corinthians 4-7.

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SUNDAY SESSION.

The association met on Sunday, October 15, 1899, at 9 o'clock a. m. After devotional exercises the committee on Sunday Schools reported, which was read by the chairman and discussed by D. W Dickinson, I. Estill M. N. Daniells and Prof. G. W. Boucher. The report was then adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report as follows: We are sorry to say that we find but little interest is taken in this work. We note but few churches report Sunday Schools in their letters. We should impress this work more fully upon our churches, while the minds of our children are young and tender. We indorse the plan of the last session of this association to divide the association into Sunday School districts. Respectfully submitted.

M. V. OWINGS, Chairman.

At 11 a. m. Elder A. N. Reeves came forward and preached an interesting sermon Text, Isaiah 53, latter clause 5th verse, after which a collection was taken for missions, amounting to $11.75—to be equally divided between the Foreign, State and Home Missions.

Adjourned to meet at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association met at 3.30 p. m.. After the reading of the 5th chapter of Romans by the moderator and prayer by A. W. Green, the association was declared ready for business.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE,

Called for the report on temperance. Read by the chairman and discussed by Q. D. Haney, I. Estill, J. W. Rogers, R. W. Clark, A. N. Reeves and Profs. Riddle and Boucher. The report was then adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Temperance, would make the following report: We find the habit of "dram drinking" as a beverage on the decrease in our association, and we would recommend that temperance be taught in every home, as we think that is the proper place to begin.

A. H. FRANKS, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock p. m.

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EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. The pulpit was occupied by Elder W. T. Caudle. Text II Peter 3 18.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The moderator then called for report on Home and State Missions, which was read by their chairmen respectively and discussed together by I. Estill, Q. D. Haney and Rev. A. L. Morris of the North River Association. The report was then adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on State Missions beg leave to report as follows: We believe the State Board is making a strong effort in our behalf and we recommend that this body co-operate with the State Board and if it should seem advisable to send a missionary among us we would appreciate the same.

W. T. CAUDLE, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Home Missions, would make the following report:

The territory of the Home Board embraces the Southern States, Indian Territory and Cuba. There being much destitution in this field, and our Home Board is making great efforts to occupy this field by giving them the gospel, for this reason let us lay to a helping hand and help our Home Board

to go up and possess this land by giving of our substance to support our missionaries, who are out on the frontier fighting the battles of life for the Lord. God has but one way of saving sinners and that is by preaching the gospel. Our Savior committed the gospel to us and said "preach it to every living creature." So we see it is obligatory upon us to carry it to every nation. Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC ESTILL, Chairman.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Called for the report on religious literature, which was read by the chairman and discussed by C. C. Kelley, J. W. Rogers and I. Estill. The report was then adopted:

We, your committee, beg leave to report on Religious Literature as follows: We recommend the Bible, the book of all books, the gift of God to man, a way-bill from earth to heaven, to be consulted at home, at church and on all occasions. The more we know of that book the more we know of God, of our duties as Christian neighbors and citizens, and all the helps we can emp oy in the study of the Bible will prove beneficial, such as Sunday school literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention. If you have no Sunday school buy this literature and have your children study it at home. We think that each family ought to take at least one of our denominational papers, that they might know what the great Baptist denomination is doing toward converting the world and the general work of the church. We recommend that each church should have a library of good books teaching the doctrines of the Bible. It will help its members to better understand the Bible and keep them posted on the doctrines of the church. The question is so often asked by people who are not members of the church, what does your church believe about this or that Bible question, and a large per cent of our members are unable to answer the question. This should not be the case. They ought to be able to tell what the church believes and give a good reason for so believing. Respectfully submitted. C. C. KELLEY, Chairman.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, October 16, 7:30 a. m.

The association met after reading a part of the third chapter of Ecclesiastes by the moderator. Prayer by Elder Q. D. Haney. The body was declared ready for business.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

The moderator appointed the following standing committees, who are to have written reports by the next meeting of this body:

On Temperance—J. W. R. Jones, J. D. Arnold and J. N. Holligsworth.

On State Missions—J. M. Spann, Julius Spann and S. W. Moss.

On Home Missions—J. A. Kelley, F. D. McLain and W. T. Colburn.

On Foreign Missions—D. W. Dickinson, J. T. Weeks and W. H. Mills.

On Education—C. C. Kelley, Q. D. Haney and G. D. Letson.

On Religious Literature—J. D. Sherer, W. C. C. Brown and A. B. Batson.

On Prayer and Prayer Meeting—W. J. Trull, T. V. Hill and W. T. Caudle.

On Indigent Ministers—G. W. Gann, A. Y. Aston and W. A. Taylor.

Executive Committee—C. C. Kelley, G. W. Gann, J. A. Northcutt, W. B. Mattison and J. D. Westbrook.

On Sunday Schools—W. B. Mattison, S. H. Vincent and J. Y. Ling.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Called for reports on Documents, which was read by the chairman and discussed by I. Estill, A. N. Reeves, C. C. Kelley, R. W. Clark, W. C. C. Brown, J. L. Harbin and A. W. Green. The report was amended and adopted as follows:

We, your Committee on Documents, would report as follows: Having examined the documents placed in our hands we find a querry from the church at Guin as follows: "Has a man any scriptural right to put away his wife for any cause and marry again?" Let Christ answer the question: Luke 16-18, Matthew 5-32 and 19-9, I Corinthians 7-10. In the light of God's word we recommend to this body our answer emphatically no, except for the cause of fornication. We find in the second place, Harmony Grove Church has petitioned

for the next session of this body to be held with it. We recommend the request be granted. We find in the third place a request from Siloam Church that the obituaries of Brothers J. Taylor and R. H. Erwin be spread on our minutes. We recommend that said requests be granted. Respectfully submitted. I. ESTILL, Chairman.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Called for report on nominations, which was read and adopted as follows: We your Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following: Bro. Isaac Estill to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body, Bro. J. B. Mattison alternate. Bro. J. W. Rogers to go to the Baptist State Convention, and we recommend that every church help pay his expenses.

J. L. HARBIN,
W. T. CAUDLE,
Committee.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Called for report on finance, which was read as follows:

For Minutes	$20 45
For Associational Fund	8 25
For Orphan's Home	2 80
For Foreign Missions	30
For Home Missions	50 00
Total	$81 60
Paid Q. D. Haney	50 00
Balance	$ 31 60

Respectfully submitted, J. D. SHERER, Chm'n.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Called for report of Executive Committee, which was read by the chairman and discussed by C. C. Kelley and I. Estill. This report, together with the missionaries report, was adopted, after paying balance due our missionary of $12.44.

We, the Executive Committee, beg leave to report that we employed Q. D. Haney to work in the bounds of this association with the authority to collect all he could for that purpose, and ask the several churches to contribute certain sums of money to compensate him for his labors. He has collected $37.56, which leaves $12.44 due him. (The balance was raised by the association and the account balanced,) Respectfully submitted. J. M. SPANN, Chairman.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY.

I have traveled in the destitute parts of the association and preached as you ordered me. I have preached to two churches as you ordered; also at Brilliant. I would advise this body to help employ at this point and other destitute points. I have preached two months at $25 per month. Have received from several churches visited $37.56, and from this body $12.44; total, $50. Respectfully submitted.

Q. D. HANEY, Missionary.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Resolved, That the association meet hereafter on Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m., before the third Sunday in October' and that immediately after the organization of the body the introductory sermon be preached.

On motion the moderator appointed A. B. Batson president of the Sunday Schools of this association, and that he appoint field workers for the entire association.

Resolved, That the association tender its thanks to the church at Eldridge and the community for their unsurpassed hospitality and kindness shown us during our stay with them.

R. W. CLARK.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren of the M. E. Church South for the use of their house to transact part of the business of this association. J. M. SPANN.

After prayer by R. W. Clark, and after singing the song entitled "Together let us sweely live, together let us die," and with the extension of the "parting hand," and the benediction by Elder A. N. Reeves, the association adjourned to meet with Harmony Grove Church, on Thursday 10 o'clock a. m., before the third Sunday in October 1900.

J. W. ROGERS, Moderator.

R. W. CLARK, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union on producing their letters.

2. The association shall have power to enact and carry out missionary purposes in all of their bearings, yet so that churches and individual members are left free and giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship.

3. To give churches the best advice she can in all matters of difficulty, and if the union be broken between any of the sister churches to inquire into the cause of the breach and use her best endeavor to remove the difficulty, but if the breach cannot be repaired to withdraw from any church which she may look upon as being unsound in principle or immoral in practice until the same can be reclaimed.

4. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the body a written communication specifying the names of delegates, their number enrolled, received by baptism, letter, restored, dismissed, excluded and deceased since the last report, and each church shall report to each annual session the work done in Sabbath schools and prayer meetings, with the number of ordained ministers belonging to them, with postoffice.

5. The churches are entitled to representation as follows: For every fifty or less three lay delegates, and one lay delegate for every twenty-five above fifty, together with their regular ordained ministers, who are standing delegates.

6. The association shall elect a moderator and clerk annually, who shall be chosen by a majority present.

7. Churches may be admitted into this body, who petition by letter and delegates are found to be orthodox and orderly, which shall be manifested by the moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every query sent to the association by a church shall be considered.

9. Voting shall be confined exclusively to the body in all acts respecting their internal concern.

10. The body shall not adjourn any session until all business of the session is finished.

11. The minutes shall be read and approved and signed by the moderator and clerk before adjournment.

12. Amendments to the Constitution may be made at regular sessions of the body by a majority present.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the God-head, the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, these three are one.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, in the corruption of human nature and the inability of man to recover himself from his lost state.

4. We believe in the doctrine of election through sanctification of the spirit and belief of the truth.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only through the merits of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe that all will be preserved in grace and none will be lost.

7. We believe that good workers are the fruits of faith and that they follow justification and are evidence of a gracious state.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a church is a congregation of Christ's baptized disciples united in the belief of what He has said and covenanting to do what He has commanded.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and law giver, and that the government is with the church, and that the discipline of the church is intended for the reclaiming of those members who are disorderly in principle or practice and must be kept up for the glory of God and the unity of the churches.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Jesus Christ and are to be kept up until His second coming.

4. We believe that baptism and immersion are equivalent terms and that none but believers in Christ are subjects for scriptural baptism.

5. We believe that none but those regularly baptised church members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

6. We believe that none have the right to administer the ordinances of the church but Ministers of the Gospel, regularly ordained to that office.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. To expedite business, committees may be appointed at the discretion of the association.

3. But one person shall speak at the time, and he shall rise and address the moderator, the moderator being judge of order.

4. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject, or use words of personal reflection.

5. Every motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

6. Every case taken up by the association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

7. All cases, after due consideration, the moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays, or otherwise, and the decision thus made shall be announced by the moderator immediately.

8. No person shall leave the house, while in session, with out leave of the moderator.

9. No person shall speak twice on the same subject without leave of the body.

10. The appellation of brother shall be used in our addresses one to another.

11. The moderator shall be entitled to the same priyileges as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat while speaking, but shall not vote unless the association be equally divided.

12. Any member violating the above rules may be reproved as the association may thing proper, only on the day the day the offense shall have accurred.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. W. CLARK	Hamilton, Ala	2	Churches.
D. W. DICKINSON	Winfield, Ala	2	Churches.
J. W. ROGERS	Eldridge, Ala	2	Churches.
Q. D. HANEY	Eldridge, Ala	2	Churches.
I. ESTILL	Guin, Ala		
M. N. DANELLS	Crews, Ala		
A. A. SMITH	Guin, Ala		

Financial Exhibit of the Harmony Grove Association for Year 1899.

CHURCHES	MISSIONS			Associational	Orp'n's Home	Minutes	Total	Value of Property
	State	Home	Foreign					
Bethel						$ 80	$ 80	$ 200 00
Blanchard				$ 2 68		75	3 43	25 00
Concord						1 55	1 55	200 00
Crews						75	75	250 00
Eldridge			25		$1 10	4 20	5 55	500 00
Guin			30		45	1 60	2 35	800 00
Hamilton		$2 00	2 00	3 16		1 75	8 91	575 00
Harmony Grove						2 50	2 50	200 00
Hopewell						1 05	1 05	325 00
New Hope				5 00		2 00	7 00	400 00
New River						2 00	2 00	400 00
Oak Grove				5 00		1 25	6 25	200 00
Pleasant Grove						1 50	1 50	200 00
Siloam				3 00		1 25	4 25	100 00
Spring Hill					5	1 75	2 25	
Sulligent					75	1 00	1 75	500 00
Union						1 00	1 00	100 00
Winfield				5 50		2 00	7 50	500 00
Col. by As'nal Missionary				13 22			13 22	
Collection at Association	$3 80	3 80	3 80	12 44	6 01	1 80	31 65	
Total	$3 80	$5 80	$6 35	$50 00	$8 81	$30 50	$105 26	$5475 00

Statistics of Harmony Grove Association. 1899.

CHURCH	COUNTY	PASTOR	CLERK	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE	Membership last Reported	Baptism	Letter	Voucher	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death	Present Membership	Preaching Sabbaths
Bethel	Marion	A B Batson	J K Stricklin	Texas	16	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	20	.....
Blanchard	Marion	R W Clark	J W Clark	Hamilton	32	4	2	...	..	...	...	1	37	3
Concord	Marion	A J Mays	J B Atkins	Bexar	.....	...	2	...	1	4	...	2	.....	.....
Crews	Lamar	D W Dickinson	T F Hill	Crews	46	...	9	...	..	...	1	..	54	1
Eldridge	Walker	J W Rogers	F D McLain	Eldridge	123	...	11	1	1	7	...	1	128	2—4
Guin	Marion	D W Dickinson	P M Caudle	Guin	124	22	6	...	1	13	1	2	126	1
Hamilton	Marion	R W Clark	J T Johnson	Hamilton	44	...	3	...	...	6	...	...	41	2
Harmony Grove	Fayette	J A Trim	M C Bowling	Winfield	71	9	7	...	1	4	...	...	84	1
Hopewell	Fayette	Q D Haney	W F Tucker	Glen Allen	35	3	2	..	...	1	...	...	39	4
New River	Fayette	B F Selman	J D Sherer	Dry Creek	66	6	1	...	2	2	...	1	67	.....
Oak Grove	Fayette	A W Greene	R M Weeks	Winfield	42	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	2
Pleasant Grove	Fayette	J S Townson	G L Brown	Cole Bluff	53	5	3	...	1	.	...	...	62	3
Siloam	Fayette	J A Trim	J W Couch	Winfield	29	...	...	..	...	...	1	3	25	4
Spring Hill	Walker	B F Shank	Thos Farris	Lynn	52	..	3	..	1	...	1	1	52	1
Sulligent	Lamar	J W Rogers	W B Mattison	Sulligent	52	...	...	...	...	26	2	.	24	3
Union	Fayette	W J Akin	J W R Jones	New River	18	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	15	2
Winfield	Marion	A N Reeves	J P McGaha	Winfield	90	10	4	...	1	2	3	...	100	.....
New Hope	Marion	J A Trim	A H Franks	Winfield	53	...	2	...	...	4	...	2	57	.....
Total					946	49	55	1	9	71	10	13	973	.....

OBITUARY.

Rev. Jonathan Taylor.

Rev. Jonathan Taylor was born January 15, 1826, and died January 21, 1899. He was married to Sarah Ann Weeks on January 31, 1850. Was the father of six children—four boys and two girls. He professed a hope in Christ in 1852 and joined the Baptist Church at Zion, where he remained a faithful member for many years. Was liberated to preach the gospel in 1877. He was strong in the faith of Christ, stood firm on the word of God, and taught as the Apostle Paul. He was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth as it is written, "the just shall live by faith." In the death of Brother Taylor the Baptist Church has lost one of her best disciplinarians. His work is done on earth. He has gone from the walks of men to the paradise of God to await the resurrection of the body, which will come forth fashioned like the glorious body of Christ. Dear Brethren, let us pray for his wife and children. May the Lord save and bless us all in his kingdom. Amen.

Robert Henry Erwin.

Robert Henry Erwin was born in South Carolina in 1817. He moved to Alabama with his father when only 2 years old. Lived in Jefferson county until 1871. Moved to Fayette county, where he lived until his death, which occurred on October 25, 1898. He joined the Baptist Church in 1838, was ordained deacon soon after, which place he filled until his death. Was clerk also about 40 years. He was the last surviving member of his father's family. Thus passed away a great and good man. May his worthy example be followed.

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